

**VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine the antitrust implications of entertainment industry self-regulation, and the constitutionality of government action to assist the entertainment industry in limiting the exposure of youth to explicit sex, violence, and other harmful material in music, movies, and video games, receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; and Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2829, to provide for an investigation and audit at the Department of Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2341, to authorize appropriations for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding for part B of that Act by 2010;

S. Con. Res. 135, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975;

S. 2725, to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service;

S. 1495, to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2731, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to enhance the Nation's capacity to address public health threats and emergencies, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Leslie Beth Kramerich, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Seymour Martin Lipset, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and Mark S. Wrighton, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Bills Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5217–5235 and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 583–585 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.

Conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–868); and

H.R. 3067, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, amended (H. Rept. 106–870);

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir (H. Rept. 106–871);

H.R. 3100, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, amended (H. Rept. 106–872);

H. Res. 583, waiving points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area (H. Rept. 106–873);

H. Res. 584, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–874); and

H. Res. 585, providing for consideration of H.R. 5109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration (H. Rept. 106–875).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Small Business Competition Preservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 4945, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen existing protections for

small business participation in the Federal procurement contracting process by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 482.

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Agreed to H. Res. 582, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7876

**Chandler Pumping Plant Water Exchange Feasibility Study:** The House passed H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483 (the House failed to pass the bill under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 19).

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Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to H. Res. 581, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7885

**HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Agreed to divide the question on the Obey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001. Subsequently, by voice vote, agreed to the first division to insist on the highest funding level possible for the Department of Education. And, by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 484, agreed to the second division to instruct conferees to insist on disagreeing with provisions in the Senate amendment which denies the President’s request for dedicated resources to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for local school construction and, instead, broadly expands the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of the funds.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7885, H7888, and H7897. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INSPECTOR GENERAL’S REPORT—USDA PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Inspector General’s report on USDA’s Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and the Urban Partnership Programs. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

### PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Held a hearing on H.R. 5122, Patient Protection Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Thomas Croft, Director, Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Human Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gloria Crawford Henderson, Director, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

### POTENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### REEXAMINATION—DC’S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES RECEIVERSHIP

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Best Interests of the Child? A Reexamination of the District of Columbia’s Child and Family Services Receivership, Part 1. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Ernestine F. Jones, General Receiver, Child and Family Services; Carolyn Graham, Deputy Mayor, Children, Youth and Families; and Grace Lopes, Special Counsel, Receivership and Institution Litigation; and Linda Mouzon, Executive Director, Social Services Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

### OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Oversight of the Defense Security Service: How Big is the Backlog of Personnel Security Investigations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald Mancuso, Acting Inspector General; Gen. Charles Cunningham, USAF, (Ret.) Director, Defense Security Service; and J. William Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Security and Information Operations, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Carol R. Shuster, Associate Director, National Security International Affairs Division, GAO.

### FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Fight Against Corruption: The Unfinished Agenda. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.